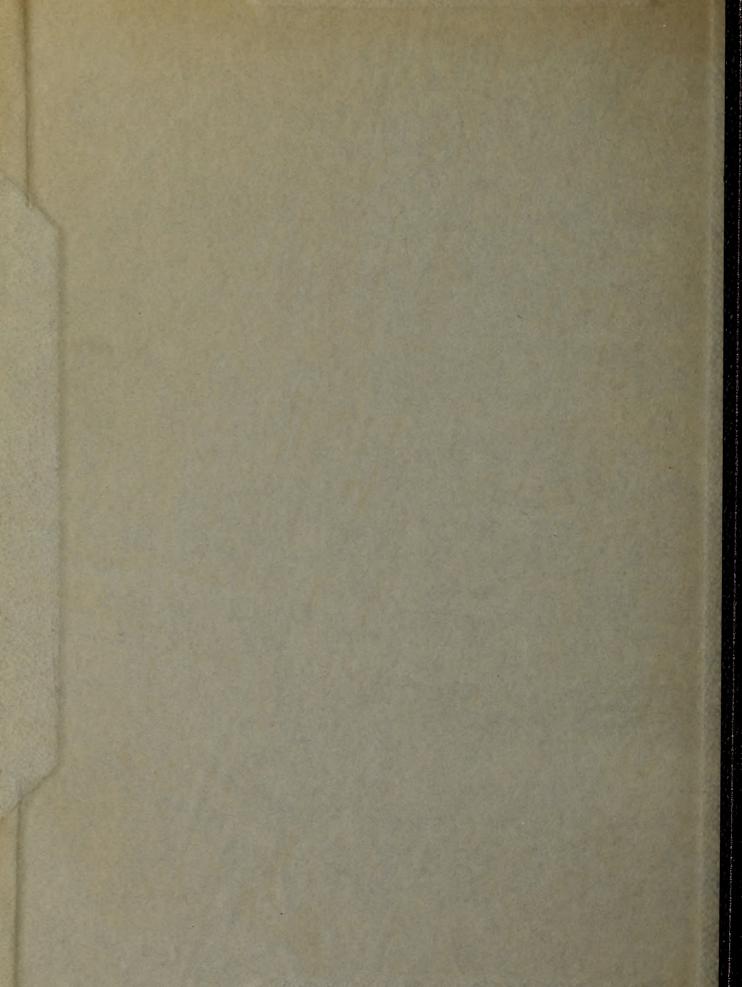
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INTRODUCTION

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2. Procedure and Techniques.

There are four definite divisions to this study.

The first division is a presentation of the problem in a case study and an analysis of the factors involved in this particular case.

This analysis includes some general conclusions based in part on this and on other cases known to the writer, and in part upon the findings and principles set forth by recognized authorities in this field.

The second division is a brief review of the circumstances which have made this problem so acute. This includes special reference to the role of religious leaders, their past failures and present opportunities.

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The material from which this study has been made was gained from personal interviews with young men who were seeking advice concerning their sex life; from consideration of cases and statistics gathered by competent authorities; from a study of sex by those most qualified such as Freud and Hall, and more recent men such as Havelock Ellis; from a study of the problem of consciousness of guilt or conscience; and last, from a very careful introspection of my own experiences.

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I have taken up this study because of the desire to be of some assistance to young men who come to me seeking help and advice. They are not seeking abstract principles or theories but concrete facts. They want to know what science has to say and what the experience of others has been.

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It is at this time that religion becomes a vital matter. Conscience comes into the foreground and produces inner conflicts, at the very time when the outer adjustments are the most difficult and demand constant attention and decisions. This is the period in which conversions take place. The great revivalist D. L. Moody maintained that most conversions occur between the ages of ten and twenty. Evangelist G. F. Pentecost writes; " In an experience of thirty years of pastoral and evangelical work my observation has been that three-fourths of all conversions occur between the ages of twelve and twenty."

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In the Christian religion it is a very evident fact that a large proportion of the great leaders were called during adolescence. John, the beloved disciple, and Timothy might well be taken as the first of a great procession. St. Benedict was eighteen or twenty when he withdrew from the world to a cave at Subiaco. St. Francis of Assisi was in his early twenties when this great experience came to him. Richard Rolle, the Father of English Mysticism, was in his nineteenth year when he forsook his studies at Oxford to take up the anchorite life. Henry Suso, of the Friends of God, began to be converted in his eighteenth year. Brother Lawerence, of the Carmelite Order , was eighteen when there came a great change that made him the great exponent of the practice of the presence of God. St. Clara was only eighteen when she left her father's castle to devote herself to the life of religious poverty. The spiritual life of St. Teresa began at the age of eighteen, in the year 1533. Catherine of Genoa was just a little older, being about twenty-five when she was converted as she knelt before her father-confessor. Madame Guyon was nineteen, and like Catherine of Genoa, unhappily married.

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This conflict is vastly different for every individual. Heredity, individual differences, environment, information, and many other less important factors, enter into the total picture. However there are a number of the same difficulties which are encountered in a large proportion of cases, so we will set forth one case which we feel is particularly revealing. This is a true case history with only minor changes to prevent its recognition. Nothing of significance to this study will be left out or changed.

2. A case history.

Jane was a normal healthy child of Catholic, French - Canadian parentage. She was the third of six children. She did not seem to develop any early neurotic traits or harmful habits.

This girl was always the family drudge. She was sensitive and could never bear to fight back at her parents or brothers and sisters. The parents expected that the children would help with the house-work and find a job at an early age in the mills. However they were more harsh with Jane and expected her to do more work than they demanded of the other daughters.

Jane began school when she was six years old. She enjoyed school and always did well in her studies. She was friendly, well-liked, and above normal in school and at work. She left school at the age of fourteen to work in a shoe factory. She was in the second year of high school at the time and very anxious to continue her education. During the time she

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She said that she was very fond of her grandfather and th that he was always fond of her. She was visiting on his farm one day and he introduced her to a certain young man who later became her husband. The grandfather remarked that he was a very good young man. According to the girl her mother forbade her from seeing this man, but she saw him frequently neverthless. She said that they began to have intercourse at her suggestion. She emphasized the fact that she had "tempted" him and said that this is what made her feel guilty. Then she became pregnant and married him. For a time she was afraimd to tell her folks, but she finally had to do it, and the marriage was arranged. He wanted to go to Canada, but she said she would rather stay at home and face it. They were married in spite of the protests of the family who wanted to keep her as the family drudge and as a mill worker to help support the home.

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Jane is a Catholic. She has usually been quite faithful in her religious duties, but during recent years has not attended services because she did not have sufficient money. In telling about her irregular sex life, she said: "Sometimes I confessed it to the priest, sometimes I lied about it. The truth, the truth, it is not in me. I am a lie. I went to the church and that was blasphemy. I was a sinner. I saw Jesus on the cross and tried to take him down and put the devil up. I am the devil."

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There are at least five major ways in which her parents failed Jane.

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4. Analysis of the sense of guilt.

The sense of guilt can hardly be the cause of wrong conduct, neither is it entirely the result of it. However it is safe to say that in this case, and in many others of a similar nature, it can justly be blamed for disastrous internal conflicts. We must analyze this sense of guilt a little more fully.

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In Russia the youth might experience a sense of guilt but not of sin, for God is eliminated from the social thought. In America the consciousness of sin is usually bound up with the consciousness of guilt, as the social mores are usually identified with the will of God. We see this clearly in the case of Jane. Due to her sense of guilt she confesses to her husband that she has gone out with other men, but even when he forgives her that does not relieve the strain. She has personally accepted the social mores as the embodiment of the will of God. She feels condemned of God for her acts.

Even the consciousness of guilt does not arise from the sex urge itself. Tennant makes the very wise and clear distinction between sin and the materials of sin. The sex urge is non-moral in itself, as is the voluntary attitude or practice previous to the emergence of the conscience. Yet without this urge there could be no such sin. The fact that pleasure is associated with their indulgence provides the motive or incentive to sin. Due to the fact that sex comes into prominence independent of any moral consideration, all people are faced with this same moral conflict. This urge is neutral in respect to the moral value which the self may construct out of it. Likewise it is biologically

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Guilt is self-condemnation that implies several other necessary factors. First there must be a definitely accepted moral standard by which the self is to judge itself before there can be any condemnation. Second there must be a sense of freedom in accepting or rejecting individual impulses, before there can be any condemnation for their indulgence.

No act is moral or immoral for an individual until he has accepted some moral standard, it is rather non-moral. After this standard has been accepted there can be no sense of real guilt unless the individual is conscious of the possibility of acceptance or rejection, and then deliberately and consciously rejects the good.

The next question which arises is , which comes first, moral self-consciousness or sexual urges. If the urge comes first there should be no sense of guilt until the emergence of the consciousness of moral right and wrong. However sexual indulgence, which had no moral significance, would be as truly habit forming as such indulgence after the emergence of the moral consciousness. Kupky makes the very bold assertion that "Sexual perversions precede youthful consciousness of (1) sin," and many others seem to hold his view. I know that it was true in my own development. This makes such a conflict as Jane experienced almost inevitable. The only possible success seems not in eliminating the conflict but rather in promoting a satisfactory solution of the conflict when it (1) Kupky -- Religious Development of Adolescence

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CHAPTER III.

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1. Confusion of education with character.

Education and character are for many people nearly synonymous terms. The close relationship existing between them has brought considerable uncertainty into the minds of many. This dates back into the times of Plato and Socrates. who maintained that virtue, which was not the result of thorough understanding and deliberate choice, wasnot in essence true virtue. They taught that to know and see truth clearly was the first step toward virtue. They even went beyond that and said that the man who knew the right would do it. Knowledge and virtue are then practically, if not completely, the same. This fallacy seems to be founded upon their confidence in the ability of man to see truth clearly. If man could see all of the implications and results of his acts, if his grasp was eternal, rather than temporal and limited, their contentions would be true. In the Eternal we believe truth and goodness are one and the same. However experience has she shown that knowledge and character are not the same when applied to men, in fact they are not even consistently parallel. Many of our criminals are well educated men whose moral character has not kept pace with their intellect. Likewise there are some men of limited mental capacity and education who have achieved recognition as men of "character."

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Education has been the prime concern of American society throughout the last several decades. During this time crime and lawlessness have been on the increase. Recently we see another startling factor, the rapid increase in mental disturbances. It is not difficult to see the implications of these several facts. The emotional and religious life of youth has been neglected in the attempt to further education. Some of our leading educations have seen this fatal mistake and so have advocated, and in some cases secured, character education as a part of the curriculum in secular education. However they have not accomplished their aims even where they have secured the desired courses, due to their inability to emotionalize the ethical and moral truths they present. G. Stanley Hall says, " In our day and civilization, the hot life of feeling is remote and decadent. Culture represses, and intellect saps the root.... our sensibilities are fefined but our perspective is narrow." (1) Hall - Adolescence - Volume 2 - Page 59

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The question which becomes fore-most is "Does education in science, or one based on scientifically gathered facts, preclude an emotionally satisfying life? " If so, science is demanding a high price for her many benefits. However we would again point to our supreme example, Jesus of Nazareth. His penetrating insight in no way impaired or lessened his emotional reactions to life. Who can fail to grasp His appreciation and enjoyment of the beauties of nature about Him? Who can overlook His love of men, women, and children? No man loved children, cripples, outcasts, rich and poor, men and women, with the intense fervor which He manifested. It was His love of children, and His acceptance and love for women, which have changed the whole outlook of both children and women, in our Christian civilization. It is apparent that both truth and love were essential elements in His life. They were not conflicting but complementary. His love was based upon His knowledge of thex potentialities bound up in human personality, and His insight must have been illumined by his great love. They are inseparable in Him even as in the Eternal, the Heavenly Father. His was the perfect life. Personal integration and social harmony were achieved by Him. Furthermore He points us to that same perfection. We must

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2. Problems of the religious leader.

There was a time in the recent past when all that was demanded of the religious leader was a vital, growing, religious experience. When the first real leaders began to appear their primacy was largely based upon their own religious experience, and their ability to direct others into a similar experience. Undoubtedly the central message of the first great missionary, the apostle Paul, was the experience of the Damascus Road and its effects upon his own life. However this central theme gradually faded into the background with the institutionalization of the Church. It had largely disappeared by the time of Martin Luther, and it was his declaration that salvation was by "faith" that made him anathema to the Church, and lifted him into the ranks of the worlds greatest leaders. Similarly it was Wesley's stress upon the need for the "Experience of Holiness " that made him distinctive. It was an experience the early Circuit Riders of American Methodism preached and sought to procure.

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3. Adolescence; the great field of opportunity.

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During the period of adolescence most individuals will seek some one in whom to confide the many puzzling experiences they are going through. This is a great field of opportunity for Christian leadership by parent, teacher, or religious worker. At no period in life is the individual more susceptible to influences either for good or for bad. It is during this period of physical, mental, and emotional flux, that great and worthy visions are seen; however, it is also during this period of change and adjustment that many of the most serious conflicts arise.

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The period of adolescence must be seen as the golden field of opportunity. The very abundance and vitality of the weeds it produces when neglected, indicates the fertility of the ground and fore-tells a bountiful harvest when properly worked and seeded.

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CHAPTER IV.

UNSATISFACTORY SEX EXPRESSION DURING ADOLESCENCE

1. Introduction.

There has been a general tendency to try to control the sexual impulse through ignorance and fear. It was thought that if youth could be saved from overt sex expression until after marriage they were well on their way to a successful life. Science has disproven this assumption.

Two contributions that scientific research have made, are, the exposure of repression and its many disastrous results, and the establishment of sex as an urge of tremendous influence.

Some have hastily justified their sexual indulgences as natural and above criticism. Others have even gone farther and taken it upon themselves to advocate the need for sex-expression of some kind for physical and mental health. Such hasty conclusions and efforts are unworthy of truly scientific investigators. It is the ruthless sacrificing of standards and ideals which have come to us through the past experience of generations. It is more than a mockery of tradition. It is sheer egotism, indifference to the intelligence of the past, and unwillingness to profit by the mistakes and truths which have come to us from other generations.

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It is impossible to excape from the necessity of certain choices, inhibitions, and suppressions. Even if social obligations are overlooked, the individual finds it necessary to make certain choices and rejections among his own conflicting desires. For example, all feel the need for security; similarly all experience the desire for variety. Many times these two drives come into conflict so that an individual must choose one and inhibit the other. In the social field it is quite common for the purely personal, and the social welfare, to come into conflict.

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In later adolescence the problem is much more complex and difficult to handle. To understand the difference one must analyze the sex impulse. Some of out leaders in this field have divided the sex impulse into two parts. The first is the Contrectative impulse, or the desire to caress and enter into close contact, the impulse to sexual approximation. The second is termed by Albert Moll as the Detumescent impulse, or the impulse towards relief of sexual tension. Before the youth has matured to the extent whene the sex impulse is at its highest peak, masturbation must carry one through both of these stages or impulses. Often it is at this time that some fetish will be substituted for actual approximation to the object of the sexual. Otherwise there must be mental images which will serve the same purpose, that of psychic excitation. The division between the excitation, and the detumescent impulse, is very indistinct. However there is a time at which discontinuance of the actw of masturbation will leave one in a state of great tension so that onex can clearly designate the tension which is present as the detumescant impulse. In later adolescence there are many ways such as suggestive literature, lurid movies, and petting parties, which will carry one through the congrectative impulse without any actual physical masturbation. When this has been done and there is a fery definite tension which does not have any of the

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Let us analyze this conflict a little more specifically.

First of all there is a sense of personal weakness, of failure, of inferiority. There is also a fear of social disapproval if found out. In the third and last place, there is a sense of sin or of alienation from God. These three factors all tend to make the individual struggle to give up his practice of masturbation.

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The second possible solution is the exact opposite. In place of giving way to the physical urge it can be re-directed, as I will point out in the next chapter. That means there must be great care given to keep the child from establishing the habit, or if it is established, in substituting other more desirable habits. This eliminates the sense of inferiority by a sense of mastery; the fear of social disapproval by a consciousness of being worthy of secial commendation; and the sense of sin by a consciousness of personal integrity.

I realize full well the attitude of many who doubt the possibility of this second solution and will take that up at length in the following chapter.

There are three reasons why I object to the first solution as an advisable "way out" or adjustment of the conflict.

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A second objection to public approval of masturbation is its effect upon married life. Marriage to be completely happy must be based upon sexual harmony. Often times the habit of pre-marital masturbation will destroy any such possibility. As Groves aptly puts it: "The individual who has had a long conflict with this habit may suppose that once he or she is married there will mo longer be any temptation toward the earlier sex pleasure. It is assumed that the old habit will disappear as soon as heterosexual opportunities are furnished. But to the surprise of the man or woman this does not occur. Instead the new experience proves disappointing and the inclination to return to former practices for relief leads (1) to conflict."

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3. Sex Intimacies In Friendship.

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The common practice of petting has also been a major factor in the rapid laxity of sex relations between lovers. It is a common thing to hear the individual called "slow" if he or she objects to free caressing and kissing the first time there is an opportunity. With this as a start it is not surprising that in future relations these intemacies become too mild to express the actual affection which develops. This first stage of tenderness cannot be continued night after night without arousing that second and natural impulse we term passion. When both enter into this second stage, and there are not some very high moral and social standards to interfere, sex is bound to run its normal course.

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After passion has been allowed to dominate in friendship there is bound to be one of two reactions. If the couple are well fitted for each other, and have built up a true love, they are going to have an evenx greater longing for physical union. This one experience tends to lower inhibitions and is the beginning of a very strong habit. It becomes easy to rationalize their position, if due to financial, educational, or social reasons, they are unable to marry. This is particularly true with young people who are in school, have found the one they want for a life partner, and have won their affection but are unable to marry because of financial difficulaties involved. The sex conflict is often so intense under such circumstances that study becomes a very difficult problem. With the opportunity for frequent companionship, the knowledge of birth control facts with a promise of marriage is case of a mishap, and with the successful rationalization of moral attitudes, many feel that the logical solution is self-gratification and the satisfaction of the loved one.

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4. Early Marriage.

A. Introduction and general discussion.

When strong impulses begin to stir a young man's passions, and some pretty girl awakens "puppy love" within his heart, there comes the resolution that as soon as the law permits he will marry. That seems the natural and easy way out of the donfilict which is so distressing, at least until age and experience bring a more practical view of the factors involved. His sex preblems will be solved, he will have the companionship of the one who affects him so strangely, and his conscience will find peace in the ceremony which is performed and blessed by the Church. What could be more simple and natural?

Such conclusions ignore the complexity of human personality, the social implications of marriage, and the financial considerations which must all be taken into account. In a primitive society this is possible. "Early marriage is said to be the custom among most peoples with primitive cultures, such as the Eskimos, the Melanesians, and the Hottentots."

It is also possible that and seems to be increasingly popular today. "Early marriage has increased greatly since 1890. In 1890, of all persons 15 to 24 years of age, 18.5 per cent were married; in 1920, 23.8 percent of such persons were married; an increase of nearly one third."

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Second, the individual who marries early does not have the opportunity for adequate preparation except in the few cases of parental subsidy. This means that the young man who marries early in life is not apt to realize his greatest possibilities.

Due to the higher social and educational demands made today, it hardly seems probable that early marriage is the proper way of solution of this adolescent sexual-religious conflict. Where it fails as it often does when tried, there seem to be two major groups of reasons.

First, is the lack of adequate preparation. The individual who marries between the gges of eighteen and twenty-four is often unadjusted to his own self, and to the demands of society. The added necessity of adjusting to a mate may prove very disastrous. Furthermore he is not apt to have had enough experience with life, and people, to know whom he really wants for a life companion. The lack of economic and educational preparation have been mentioned above.

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Second, and in some ways even more important than the first group, are those reasons which cluster about the choice of motives or goals for life. From a purely personal standpoint. there can be a great deal said. At this period in life the physical demands for a mate are probably supreme. Later, even though the actual sex tension may remain, or even increase. other factors in the choice of a mate will increase in relative importance. These include the desire for companionship, the longing for the security of a home, and the desire for children. In early marriage sex is apt to be viewed as a means of physical excitement and pleasure, with less stress on the emotionally productive features. These is apt to lower the whole tone of love, mutual resepect, and admiration, so necessary for the highest type of Christian home. Furthermore we know that the present social attitude is opposed to early marriage and such an influence should not be minimized.

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His parents opposed this friendship from the first as they seemed to sense the dangers he would be in. However the girl's parents were very respectable, church people, and encouraged the affair from the start. One factor that tended to make this affair develop very rapidly was the presence of a competition. The other man was an uneducated, older man who had been married before. Feeling that this man was unworthy of the affection and confidence of Mary, John was further attached to her by the bonds of sympathy. As a result Mary and John became very steady in their companionship.

This courtship became so intense that there was much gossip. John neglected his work in order to spend his time in town with Mary.

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One incident will illustrate their unusual combination of ignorance and boldness. As they left the college hall to walk to her home, Mary suddenly darted ahead and ran as hard as she could. John gave chase, caught her, picked her up in his arms, squeezed and kissed her for a while, and then set her down again. In a minute she darted ahead again and the same procedure was repeated. Thus they proceeded down the heart of the residential district in the middle of the afternoon.

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John and Mary took advantage of the occasion to elope. They
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by the justice of the peace. They kept their marriage a
secret for a time so they could get their first semester
credits. At the end of the first semester they announced
their marriage, and that was the end of their college life.

Work he could get, as his parents had refused further help when they learned of the marriage. For a while the novelty of their new home and relationship seemed to overshadow all the sacrifices they had to make, and the social condemnation which they received. They were very proud of their little home which they had arranged very attractively. They even became interested in church affairs for a while.

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Then came their little son and all seemed to point toward a restoration of a happy home. Both adored their son who was a very healthy, bright baby. Likewise the friendship with his parents was re-established. The parents began to take an active interest in them and took their little grandson to their hearts even as they had his father in earlier days. All seemed to run along smoothly for several months until John made an unwise and unprofitable business venture in opposition the to wished of his parents. Along with his failure in this venture came his wife's discontent with her lot. The baby took so much care and attention that she soon became tired of him and began to neglect both him and the home. John had been raised in a lovely home and so sickened of an ill-kept dirty home, and began to seek other interests. Home, with a discontented wife and baby, became a mere chain about his neck.

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First of all we see how unprepared this couple were to found and maintain a home. Both were unadjusted personally and rather ignorant of the demands and sacrifices necessary for a home. The longings of both for more education were sacrificed, although they firmly believed that it would not be so.

Social condemnation was very severe and became a major issue in their unhappiness. They felt that they could overcome the obstacle by their success and thus reverse the decision of the community. They even felt that they could win a larger place of social recognition through their home.

The foundation of this home was soon seen to be too largely physical. The choice of motives or goals had been made too hurriedly, and were largely a result of rationalizing the thing they desired to do.

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CHAPTER V.

SUBLIMATION: THE ONLY SATISFACTORY MEANS OF ADOLESCENT SEX EXPRESSION

1. Introduction and definitions.

Every impulse is directed towards a definite and specific end of biological value to the animal or individual. That of sex can readily be seen to be reproduction. In former times the high death rate made it necessary that the birth rate be high if the race was to continue. Since man has learned how to overcome disease, climatic conditions, and beasts of prey, this high birth rate is no longer necessary. Thus man finds himself with a residue of energy which can be redirected into other channels.

For some sex is like any other appetite. They consider its satisfaction a means of physical enjoyment which has unusual possibilities. Their sole concern is to find the manner in which this pleasure can be enjoyed to the fullest and most continuous extent. Like the Old Romans who would use various means of irritating their throat and stomach in order to spew forth their food so they could eat some more, so these would go to nearly any length to increase their sex thrills.

For others sex is a very definite problem. They realize they have this strong urge and due to circumstances are unable to express it through the socially recognized channel of marriage. At the same time they have moral or religious convictions which oppose their expression through channels

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It is the second group who consider man more than a higher development of animal life. They recognize the physiological likeness of man to the brute but also sense a higher, a spiritual life, which is open to man but closed to the rest of the animal kingdom. It seems to be from this group that we get most, if not all, of our great leaders in all fields, in the physical sciences, the social sciences, and in the religious realms. Men of this group are seeking the proper relation of the physical and spiritual. They are not content to give the physical, and right of way, and utilize the residue of energy and interest for the development of man's higher life. Neither are they willing to agree with former generations of philosophers and theologians who made the physical and spiritual necessarily antithetical. They are seeking a proper and beneficial synthesis of the two. That synthesis seems to be available in the process known as "sublimation". "In sublimation no element is ignored - neither the original nor the social nature of man. Both are weighed and a compromise effected rationally and on a conscious plane. The energies deriving from the original, primitive desires of man are diverted from their unobtainable goals into new, constructive, and satisfying froms of activity. Education, whether in the home, the school, or the church (and we might add in life itself) is in great part instruction in sublimation."

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Throughout the earlier years of adolescence everything seems to point to the ability of most individuals to sublimate with little discomfort. A little information concerning sex organs, and their care and purpose, combined with a proper attitude is essential. If the home atmosphere and emotional attachments are of a helpful and satisfying nature, so no frustrations or dissatisfactions of a major type arise, there is not apt to develop a sex problem in these earlier years. If the practice of masturbation, homo-sexual, or hetero-sexual relations dees start, it can usually, if not always, be traced to outside encouragement, or to misinformation. Dr. Hartwell cites several cases in which information alone was sufficient to stop both homo-sexual and masturbating practices. Excerpts from two of these follow: "Frank stopped his mutual sex practices at once. He said after talking them all over that he saw their bad side. Most of the temptations towards them disappeared and he had little struggle with himself to overcome them. However, he had not done so without gaining the contempt of his friends. His masturbation was not so easily discontinued, but he had been told that this would probably so and he was not discouraged or disappointed. In a few weeks he succeeded in stopping this too, and he did it with very little help of a substitutive interests. In fact, losing his friends more than offset the few substitutive activities that were frovided for him. He accomplished his

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In other cases where information does not seem to be enough due to a greater sex drive, or less character development, the inculcation of a goal or ideal will often prove helpful. We will again cite a case from Dr. Hartwell's famous book: "I have helped him with his sex problems. Formerly he had lied skilfully about his sex experiences. He now says that two years ago a little Jewish girl, two years his senior, had told him about sex things, and that he has frequently had sex relations with her. He had learned to respond to and long for her advances, ardently ... I have encouraged him to believe that to stop his unfortunate behaviour will show that he has a healthy body and good will-power.

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This interpretation of the sexual impulse seems vague and unverifiable. The exact meaning of the "powerful ferments" referred too, is illusory, unless we wish to accept the "ferments" as another name for the glandular secretion of the testes. That would mean that it is the gradual secretion of the testes which produces sexual tension. Thus the sexual impulse would be gradually increased as thes "sexual substance" was stored up. According to this theory, sexual excitability is internally conditioned. The facts of experience hardly support such a conclusion. The following cases have come to my attention and seem to illustrate the inadequacy of such a view: " A certain farmer was shutting up his ewes regularly, feeding them a little grain in an attempt to "flush" them, that is to bring them all into proper physical condition to be bred fairly close together. He had the ram shut in a pen at some distance. During the night the ram got loose, got into the pen with the ewes, and the next morning was found dead. No other ram was secured. However there were over fifty lambs as the result of that one nights activity."

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Among the breeders of horses there seems to be the belief that energy is energy, whether sexual or physical. Thus during the breeding season it is not thought necessary to exercise stallions. The expenditure of energy for breeding purposes is considered sufficient. However as soon as the breeding season is over everybody likes to work their stallions. Quite frequently the stallion is so hard to control that the amount of work they do does not begin to pay for the trouble of driving them. Neverthless, when it is possible they are not worked so they will become unmanageable and damage themselves.

I realize that popular belief foes not establish a scientific fact, and furthermore, that it is unfair to carry comparisons between animals and men too far. However, the facts seem to indicate that sexual tension is due to a psychic stimulation of the sex glands. One apparently normal individual was seported to be so pure minded that he never even experienced nocturnal emissions. In this day of many sources of stimulation through literature, movies, social gatherings, and even through the contacts made in working hours, it is very hard to be certain whether there has been an actual and immediate stimulus or not. It is certain that by reducing possible stimulations to the lowest pessible level the sex impulse will take a comparatively mimor position. Whether it could be so lowered that by proper education and information an individual might pass through life, fully normal, and yet never have a conscious or known act of sex

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Gradually there emergex certain social demands which the family will make on the child, and for the first time there will come an awareness that all does not exist for self. There is apt to be considerable strain at this time if the parents fail to see that the apparently selfish outlook of the child is just the natural reaction to past conditioning. At this same time when the child begins to recognize the other members of the family as individuals with equal rights, there also appears that most natural period known as the "gang age." Boys love to be with boys of their own age, and girls likewise. If the transition from a selfish to a family viewpoint is too irksome, the boy or girl is apt to turn love and interest from the family toward this outer goup group. However this is not necessarily so.

In the first period we mentioned, Freud maintains that sex does make a definite appearance in certain sensations of

pleasure, but that it soon retreats from the scene. Whether this is true or not this is a period of habit formation of some importance. Little can be taught the child aside from personal cleanliness, and right attitudes toward his physical body, but these are vastly important. It is often possible for the child to see another member of the opposite sex of about the same age and thus naturally discover the physical difference between boys and girls. This may be bery helpful in allaying later curiosity. Possibly the most helpful contribution that can be made to the life of the child is the awakening of a genuine interest in the world of nature and people, and a wholesome joy in the right kinds of play. These can only be successfully taught through example and environment. If the parents are interested in nature, in nature people, in wholesome good times, in music and art, etc. the child will soon show some similar tendencies, in most cases. Both habits of a personal nature, and attitudes towards the outer world, are more caught than taught in this stage: it is hard to say just how the transfer is made but the essential thing is the fact that they are. Sublimation is rooted in this stage as habits are formed and inhibitions are set up that direct the attention and energy of the child in proper channels.

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parent who refuses to consider these questions seriously, from the view-point of the child, will miss the great thrill of growing up with the child as well as the chance of winning a priceless position as confident and informer. On the other hand the parent who grasps the first question to explain all of life's secrets is just as unwise. The result is apt to be confusion or an unwise sense of the great significance of this subject. The wise parent is the one who can put self in the place of the child and from this position answer the questionx honestly and intelligently. This is the period when the child naturally seeks heroes to worship, and through this medium, reverence for the body, for physical life and health, for the body as the dwelling place of the real self, and as the means of real self-expressionx, can be successfully and helpfully inspired. This is the period when Jesus should be presented as a perfect man, the kind who will inspire hero worship. This is not the time for the child to try to grasp Jesus as the Son of God, as that is a concept much too abstract.

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The period which we have set aside as the third stage in the life of the developing child is largely the adolescent period. It may precede, or follow, puberty by a short period. It is the period in which the "gang age" begins to be broken up by the attraction of members of the opposite sex. For some reason, unknown to themselves, both boys and girls come to realize that certain attractive members of the opposite sex have a greater appeal than their best pals or chums of earlier days. Not that they will lose their loyalty and love for members of their respective gangs, but there will come an indefinable thrill at the presence of the other sex. This is the period in which conscious and well planned sublimation should begin. This is the stage which parents may influence through suggestions, personal influence, and inderect advice, but only with the cooperation of the individual concerned. The child isk beginning to feel his self-Rhod in a new and wonderful sense. Habits which he had accepted unquestionably, he now should forcetall both measurbation and matus; sex play with the other boys. If measurbation becomes an issuex, it should be considered as a means of lowering physical pep, or making the child less attractive through loss of vitality, and not as a sin. Mutus; sex play should likewise be dealt with, with the edded atress on loss of respect of those the child holds most dear. The need and welue of self-control in order to become it the accepted heroes will also days their value. This is

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No one can face these problems for the individual who is entering into this new phase of life, but all of the past experience of life will directly help or hinder in proper adjustments, personal victories, and in the untimate re-integration of life.

This is the parting of the ways for the real Christian and the nominal Christian. The way of perfect and permanent sublimation is the ideal of the priest. Lowenfeld maintains that the Catholic priest who is brought up to this ideal from early training is able to achieve complete abstinence with "excellent health in nervous respects." This is truly encouraging. If adequate training and preparation in early life will fit a priest for a chaste life, will not the same preparation carry the Protestant through the pre-marital period successfully? The Protestant has one added help which the priest does not have, in that he can look forward to the ime time when he will enter into the marital experiences. This will give him a goal and joy to look forward too, in addition to an ideal of self-denying service. His goal of service does not need to be any lower than that of the priest, ony it will be striven for in the harmony of the complete and well rounded life, in place of in the one sided ascetism of the priest-hood. Such an ideal, (a life of service) is too high for the average. Even the Man of Galilee did not expect all bo be willing to

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the physical and psychic energy of life is directed in the paths of greatest value. For the priest that means celibacy. However there are many recognized scientific thinkers who are pointing to an even higher lieve level of life than that of the ascetic. That is the level where all of the possibilities of physical expression are utilized for spiritual ends. This is true in the came of the man who puts healthful foods above those which happen to pept- tempt his palate, or the love which finds its highest expression in sexual union, above the mere thrill of sexual indulgence. That is the plane on which both the physical and spiritual are recognized, carefully analyzed, and properly synthesized, with the physical ever as the means to the higher and more spiritual end.

The chief difference between the third and last stage of the individuals development is in the focus of attention. In their the third stage nearly all attractive members of the opposite sex have a special significance. The physical attraction takes precedence. As the fourth and last stage is entered the physical takes a less important position. There comes the desire to find some one individual who will give not only physical satisfaction, but mental stimulation, personal interest, and the highest type of comradeship.

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Having considered the essentials to any satisfactory sublimation, we should then make a thorough analysis of self. What is my strongest emotional desire? What accompanying factors make sex adustments particularly difficult?

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This type of sublimation is out of reach for some people. Even some women do not find any adequate outlet in this type of activity. However both men and women find it possible, in some cases, to sublimate their strong sexually determined desires through some form of self-display, as in dramatic art. Many outstanding singers and speakers are single.

Other fail to find satisfaction in either of these dhannels but are dompletely satisfied in some of the many forms fe of creative endeavour. Who would question Thomas Edison's ability to sublimate all of his energy to some great creative effort he was making. Creative art has been a large and fertile field of endeavor for many single people of both sexes.

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The world of imagination or fancy has been successfully utilized by some. The great danger in this field is that the real or factual world may seem so drab or cruel that the dreamer will fail to distinguish between the real and the imaginary . He will be loathe to leave the imaginary and may fail to make his transition to the world of reality. However this realm has proved fruitful. Charles Lamb found joy and victory in this field. " All his life ... Charles Lamb yearned in the love for the woman whom his conscience would not allow him to marry. (He feared insanity in his offspting because of its presence in his family) HE dreamed of her through the years as his wife and as the mother of his children. In the course of time these children became real to him. There were two of them; he gave them names, Alice and John. They became as real to him as any living children in the world. He played with them. and talked with them, planned with them their future, and taught them of their mother. They became the center and soul of his very life - the source of his comfort, the secret of his happiness. Night after night the lonely man went home, to sit by himself in the shadows, but always as the darkness fell, the children came, and he was alone no more."

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